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C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 3634

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OREP (VAN DUSEN, MICHAEL)
SUBJECT: STAFFDEL VAN DUSEN

REF: STATE 249897

1. STATE REFTEL SAYS THAT STAFFDEL VAN DUSEN "WOULD LIKE TO HAVE" ALL MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND ALL AGREEMENTS RELATING TO MILITARY MATTERS. QUESTION THAT ARISES HERE CONCERN WHETHER TO RELEASE AIDE MEMOIRE OUTLINED IN STATE 109812. THIS AIDE MEMOIRE TO SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE PRINCE SULTAN IS SIGNIFICANT AND ESTABLISHES UNIQUE FEATURES FOR ARMS SALES TO YAR. RELEASE OF THIS AIDE EMOIRE MIGHT BE DONE, IF AT ALL, IN SAUDI ARABIA IN CONNECTION WITH TALKS WHICH STAFFDEL MAY CONDUCT THERE CONCERNING YEMEN ARMS PROGRAM. ON OTHER HAND, WE TEND TO THINK THIS SUBJECT WILL BE HARD TO AVOID HERE IN COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS HERE AND WE SHOULD PRESENT IT FRANKLY AND IN BEST LIGHT POSSIBLE.

2. PLEASE ADVISE. STAFFDEL ARRIVES 22 OCTOBER.

3. FOR JIDDA: PLEASE REPEAT YOUR 2901 TO SANA.
FYI: WE INTEND TO INVITE SAUDI MILITARY ATTACHE AND SAUDI MILITARY MISION MEMBERS IN SANA TO LUNCH WITH STAFFDEL. IN ALKS WITH BRIGADIER FALIH DHAHIRI IT SEEMS LIKELY HE WILL MEET STAFFDEL MEMBERS, IF AT ALL,
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IN SAUDI ARABIA. END FYI.

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